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REMARKS

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1. At about 3:30 p.m. on 6 August 1953, a shipment of 12 x 76-mm AA guns, 3 radars, 1 field kitchen and 20 trucks was seen in Bad Kleinen, proceeding toward Schwerin. [1] 50X1-HUM

2. From 1 to 4 August 1953, a shipment of 30 trucks and another shipment of 6 AT guns and 10 to 20 trucks were observed at the Neustrelitz railroad station. [2]

3. At about 6:30 a.m. on 3 August, a shipment of 10 to 15 trucks, 3 to 4 large pontoons, 3 to 4 amphibious vehicles, 3 to 4 field kitchens and 30 to 40 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets was seen at the Neubrandenburg railroad station.

4. Troop trains seen leaving the Neuruppin railroad station toward Berlin included a train of 34 flatcars carrying 120-mm mortars and trucks; 12 boxcars occupied by troops and 4 boxcars loaded with ammunition; and 2 field kitchens, at about 6 p.m. on 26 July; and a train of 12 boxcars occupied by troops; 4 boxcars loaded with ammunition; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 8 x 132-mm rocket launchers, about 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 field kitchen and about 25 trucks at about 3 p.m. on 27 July. 50X1-HUM

5. Troop trains seen at the Nauen railroad station included a train of 8 boxcars occupied by troops; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 x 85-mm AT guns and 4 x 122-mm field howitzers, which went toward Brandenburg at about 5:20 a.m. on 23 July; and a train of 4 boxcars occupied by troops; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 guns and 8 trucks, which went toward Jueterbog on 24 July. [5] 50X1-HUM

6. On 24 July, a shipment of three flatcars carrying three T-43 tanks was seen in Brandenburg, proceeding toward Potsdam.

7. At about 5:30 p.m. on 23 July, 6 canvas-covered guns and 6 x 85-mm AT guns were loaded on 5 flatcars with sideracks at the Wildpark freight station. [5] 50X1-HUM

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8. On 28 July, a shipment of 12 canvas-covered guns, 2 radio trucks, 17 trucks, 1 sedan, 2 field kitchens and 7 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen near the Potsdam Luftschiffhafen, coming from the direction of Wildpark and proceeding toward Caputh. At about 4 p.m. on 31 July, 6 canvas-covered guns, 11 trucks without numbers, 1 sedan without number, 1 field kitchen and 7 boxcars occupied by troops were seen proceeding in the same direction. 6

9. On 8 and 9 August, the troop camp in the Biesdorf Stadt 50X1-HUM park had been vacated. Tanks and SP guns were entrained at the Kaulsdorf railroad station. 7

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10. On 31 July, contrary to previous assumptions, the Askania building in Weissensee was occupied by a motorized unit, rather than a headquarters. The motor vehicle sheds of the Askania building were prepared for numerous vehicles. 50X1-HUM The fuel tanks were filled. The motor vehicles of the hospital were no longer allowed to be refueled there during the last days. Kitchen installations, believed to serve several thousand meals, were hastily installed in the Askania building. 8 50X1-HUM

12. At about 6 p.m. on 7 August, 24 rocket launchers were entrained in Eberswalde and left toward north. 10

13. During the last week in July, all AAA emplacements in Eberswalde, including those between the main railroad station and the freight station on the Eberswalde-Bernau railroad line and the Eberswalde-Finow-Furth narrow-gauge railroad line. These emplacements had been occupied for 3 years. 11

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14. At about 3:30 p.m. on 27 July, a column of 19 trucks, occupied by about 350 troops ; sedan 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 3 x 120-mm mortars, 1 radio truck, 2 field kitchens, T-43 tanks and 1 T-43 tank chassis passed through Dannenberg, coming from the direction of Freienwalde and proceeding toward Gersdorf. At about 11 a.m. on 29 July, 2 T-43 tanks went from Freienwalde toward Gersdorf. 12 50X1-HUM

Comment. The shipment is rather safely believed to have come from the Wustrow training area.

2. Comment. trains observed during the period of time mentioned, included a shipment of elements of the 90th Gds Engr Bn of the 9th Gds Mecz Div which went from Jerichow to Neustrelitz on 1 August and another shipment, probably of artillery units of the division, which went to Luckenwalde on 4 August

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5. Comment. These shipments cannot be accounted for.

6. Comment. During this period, numerous shipments of artillery units of the Second Gds Mecz Army went to Jueterbog. 50X1-HUM

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7. Comment. on 7 August, the loading of units, probably of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Kaulsdorf which, had gone to Biesenthal. It is believed that security units were exchanged.

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8. Comment. the Askania building allegedly was occupied by the staff of General F.I. Dibrova on 4 August.

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9. Comment. The truck belongs to the GOFG.

10. Comment. at the same time on 7 August, 26 rocket launchers were detrained for the Schuetzen Kaserne.

11. Comment. Several AAA emplacements of the 63d AAA Div (US) were in the area mentioned. The emplacements may have been vacated because the units stationed there were to participate in exercises. It is worth noting, however, that all emplacements were vacated at the same time.

12. Comment. The units observed probably belonged to the 6th Gds Mecz Div. tank units, probably of the division, were detrained in Wriezen at about 10 a.m. on 27 July and subsequently left toward Bad Freienwalde.

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